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DR. WANG'S APPEAL Communists Asked To Make Concessions

CHUNGKING, JAN. 26. IN A DRAMATIC ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK OVER GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION, FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HSI-CHEN CALLED PERSONALLY ON CHOU EN-LAI, LEADING COMMUNIST DELEGATE TO THE UNITY CONFERENCE, AND LO LUNG-CHI, THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE DELEGATE, TO OFFER CONCESSIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ALL PARTY STATE COUNCIL BE GRANTED POWER TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND THAT EITHER THE PRESIDENT'S POWER TO ACT IN AN EMERGENCY BE RELEGATED TO THE COUNCIL OR THE COUNCIL BE AUTHORISED TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

Maxton Appeals For Patience

London, Jan. 26. An appeal to Indians to extend tolerance and patience to Britain and the Labour Government is made by Mr. James Maxton, leader of the Independent Labour Party in the House of Commons, in a letter to Professor G. S. Datta, Chairman of the Gandhi Society. "As you are aware, I have never hesitated to speak up in Parliament for India's complete independence," says Maxton. "And while wholeheartedly designing great friendship, active cooperation and close alliance between our two countries, I do not believe that these can be achieved by compulsion of one kind or another. "The whole situation in Asia to-day would have been much better if that had been conceded a number of years ago. "It was somewhat of a disappointment to me that the Labour Government, in its first statement on its Indian policy, did not go beyond the reiteration of previous promises and sending out a goodwill mission. "Nonetheless, I feel that India and the Indians should extend great tolerance and patience to this country and its government at the present time."—Reuter.

CALCUTTA EXPLOSIONS

Calcutta, Jan. 26. Three were injured in two explosions which occurred to-day near the Communist Party office in the southern district of Calcutta. The Communist Party office was attacked but local leaders intervened and restored order. The incident occurred while a procession celebrating the annual Congress "Independence Day" was proceeding towards Bhawanipore in south Calcutta.—Reuter.

R.A.F. STRIKE OVER

Cairo, Jan. 26. The strike of about 700 men at each of the Royal Air Force camps at Lydda (Palestine) and Almaza near Cairo, ended to-day, it is officially announced. An official announcement issued by the Headquarters of the R.A.F. Mediterranean and Middle East Command in Cairo to-day stated: "Conditions are now normal on two R.A.F. stations where airman ceased work the day before yesterday. "The airman commenced work again this morning."—Reuter.

EXPORT TO CHINA

Washington, Jan. 26. The U.S. Department of Commerce announced to-day that the first-quarter exports to China will include approximately 10,000,000 yards of cotton sheetings and drills.—Reuter.

Chungking, Jan. 26. General Ho Ying-ching has resumed his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, it was reported here yesterday. General Ho was scheduled to fly to Nanking yesterday.—Associated Press.

Grim Find

Batavia, Jan. 26. The Dutch news agency Aneta said the bodies of 17 European men and women were found by Antiochian workers between Batavia and Tandjong Priok. The agency said one body was headless and all had the hands tied behind them. Two of the victims appeared to have been killed recently.—Associated Press.

Clark-Kerr's New Post

LONDON, JAN. 26. SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR, BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, WILL SUCCEED LORD HALIFAX AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 1, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. Scotland-born Clark-Kerr, aged 63, was created a baron by the King as he left for Java this week to help settle the Dutch and Indonesian differences. A First World War veteran, he entered the diplomatic service in 1906 and served in Cairo, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Washington, Rome, Teheran and Stockholm before he became Ambassador to China in 1933. Immaculately groomed, good-humoured and square-jawed, he was a favourite of Generalissimo Stalin, with whom he once dived into a bomb shelter. The Russian head of state often smoked in London-made briar the Ambassador gave him. Kerr was divorced a year ago from the daughter of a prominent Chilean. The announcement said Lord Halifax "asked leave to resign his appointment."—Associated Press.

NIEMOELLER HECKLED

Berlin, Jan. 26. Pastor Niemoller was interrupted by a storm of heckling from university students at Erlangen in Bavaria when he admitted the German people's war guilt, the American-licensed Berlin "Tagesspiegel" reported, yesterday. A reporter who attended the meeting said 2,000 students stamped their feet to "show their displeasure" with the famed pastor's sentiments.—Associated Press.

N.A.A.F.I. Throws A Jubilee Party

London, Jan. 26. The N.A.A.F.I. threw a party to-day to celebrate its Silver Jubilee. At Grosvenor House, Park Lane, press representatives were invited to gather (refreshments and buffet snacks would be served, said the invitation) to hear an address by Sir Lancelot R. Royle, K.B.E., Chairman of the Board of Management of N.A.A.F.I., on the achievements of the institution during the war. Impressive figures were quoted by Sir Lancelot to show the tremendous growth of N.A.A.F.I. during the war, and he added that N.A.A.F.I. would carry on although "its size and scope will inevitably be reduced." They were determined to see that men in North-west Europe and in the Far East, he said, did not become "forgotten armies."

Recently, he said, the N.A.A.F.I. had sent out skating instructors to give lessons through the Rhine area, and had also sent 6,000 pairs of skates for the Army and R.A.F. "The old time bogey of a handful of sinister plutocrats hidden somewhere in Ruxley Towers (N.A.A.F.I. Headquarters), with a general interests waxing fat on the millions extorted from the holder has been laid at rest," he said. Then, no doubt from a recent

POPE HONOURS JAPANESE

Vatican City, Jan. 26. Pope Pius XII yesterday made the Japanese Ambassador, Kon Hirota, a Knight of the Order of St. Sylvester in a farewell audience. Hirota's staff and their families will sail for Japan from Naples on Jan. 27. They are being transported on General Hirota's private train. The Japanese Ambassador's departure was announced.—Associated Press.

W.H. DONALD PESSIMISTIC ON CHINESE ISSUES

HONOLULU, JAN. 26. WILLIAM H. DONALD, AUSTRALIAN BORN OBSERVER OF CHINESE POLITICS FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND FORMER ADVISER TO GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, SAID YESTERDAY HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO LASTING PEACE UNTIL THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS.

DONALD WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL HERE WHERE HE WAS FLOWN FROM TAHITI FOR TREATMENT OF AN ILLNESS AS A RESULT OF HIS LONG IMPRISONMENT BY THE JAPANESE IN MANILA.

Donald showed pessimism over the current efforts of General George C. Marshall, President Truman's special envoy in China, and said: "I don't doubt that if an uncontrolled election were held in China to-day China would go left. There is a great tendency for the agrarian reform of re-division of land and the Communists have made this a popular issue." Donald asserted he "cannot understand" the attitude of the American people toward China. "The Generalissimo is being attacked in America, yet, if were not for him, China would have collapsed within six months after the Japanese attacked. The Japs tried to make peace on nine different occasions and each time the Generalissimo refused. "Americans must support the Generalissimo for he is the only recognised leader of China. If he is thrown overboard will result. There would be civil war which might last for 20 years."

REFORMS WILL COME Donald expressed confidence that Chiang Kai-shek will finally make reforms necessary for China although "he is a stubborn man and does not like being hurried."

He declared the Russians withdrew their support of the Chinese Communists and expressed the opinion that he had no fear of Russia as far as China was concerned. En route to Chungking in 1941 when his ship was captured by the Japanese in Manila, Donald has not been in China since 1940, but may return if his health allows him to.—Associated Press.

Colin Kelly's Body Found

Manila, Jan. 26. A body re-buried recently in the Manila cemetery has been tentatively identified by the Western Pacific Army Headquarters as that of Captain Colin Kelly, America's first famous hero of World War No. 2. Headquarters said positive identification hinges on the comparison of the date and the map marking the spot of the first burial. Kelly was first reported to have died diving on the Japanese battleship "Haruma" but it was learned later that he flew the plane back within four miles of Clark Field and crashed. A Filipino told officers that a United States sergeant in 1941 reported that one of the two bodies recovered from the wreckage was Kelly's.—Associated Press.

Jewish State Part Of The Empire?

London, Jan. 26. A Jewish Palestine as part of the British Empire would be acceptable to the Jews, Professor Selig Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the Anglo-American Committee who are investigating Jewish immigration into Palestine in London yesterday. Contending that unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine was a matter "of life and death to the Jewish people," Brodetsky, who is professor of mathematics at Leeds University, said: "We British Jews feel that under the British flag there is a possibility of freedom which does not exist under other flags. "If there were a possibility of the Jews believing they could get justice in Palestine and that Great Britain would be at the head of this justice, I have not the slightest doubt that the Jews in Palestine and all over the world would want to be a part of the British Empire."

As the Committee began a week of hearings before proceeding to Europe and Palestine itself, members questioned L.G. Montefiore, Chairman of the Jewish Colonisation Association, on why Jews should not be sent to other parts of the world. Montefiore replied: "The Jews want to build a nation. If your father and mother had been murdered in Lublin you would not feel a very enthusiastic Pole. Therefore you would not want to stop there and your instinct would be to build a Jewish state."—Associated Press.

"LIFE AND DEATH"

London, Jan. 26. Professor Selig Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, yesterday told the American-British Investigating Committee the problem of Jewish immigration to Palestine was a matter of life and death to the Jewish people. He asserted the majority of Jews in Europe would not return to countries from which the Nazis removed them.—Associated Press.

Russian Move In Hungary

Budapest, Jan. 26. Russia has clamped strict controls on Hungary's now virtually worthless money, in an effort to halt economic deterioration. Simultaneously the Chief Council of the Hungarian National Bank ordered payments on state accounts to be out by 75 per cent. The bank management, denying that the Russians had assumed control of the institution, said that they had achieved virtually the same effect by introducing the control measures. Officially the pengo to-day is fluctuating between 316,000 and 319,000 to the dollar. The black market rate is 610,000 to the dollar. Observers reported that the Russians suspected that Hungary's economy was being manipulated in an attempt to sabotage reparations.—Associated Press.

Hold-Up Men Foiled

Presence of mind on the part of employees of the Nan Yang Tobacco Company prevented two hold-up men from getting away with \$20,000 early yesterday morning. The employees were attacked in Canal Road West when taking the money from the factory to the bank. One of them, a cashier named Ho Kin-ay, was carrying the money in a basket when he was suddenly struck by one of the rascals with a club. Although partially stunned he threw the basket into a rubbish heap. His companion called for help. The thugs tried to recover the basket but a crowd converged on the spot and they fled.

TRAIN COLLISION

Calcutta, Jan. 26. Forty-three were injured, three of them seriously, when a passenger train collided with a goods train at a station on the Calcutta-Kolkata section of the Bengal Asam Railway this morning.—Reuter.

A Soviet Denial

LONDON, JAN. 25. AN "AUTHORIZED" STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY "TASS" THROUGH A BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO TO-DAY DENIED THE REPORTS SPREAD BY NEWSPAPERS IN THE AMERICAN-CONTROLLED SOUTHERN KOREA "SUGGESTING THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS TRYING TO ATTAIN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP IN KOREA."

Tass has been authorized to deny these incorrect statements and describe the true state of affairs, the broadcast said. The Agency was quoted as saying that the United States proposed at the recent Moscow Conference of Foreign Ministers that a four power administration—Russia, United States, China and Britain—be established to lead Korea through the transitional period aimed at full independence. The American proposal was withdrawn, the statement said, in favour of the Soviet plan which called for the immediate establishment of a democratic Korean government and placing an absolute five-year limit on the guidance of the four-power trusteeship.

This statement said that the American plan would have permitted as much as ten years of rule by the four powers, administered by a joint military command.—Associated Press.

SOVIET OBJECTS

LONDON, JAN. 26. IN A LETTER TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO-DAY RUSSIA SAID SHE WAS "CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED" TO THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE BODY TAKING UP THE IRAN CASE. Dismissing the Soviet attitude dealing with the Iranian appeal for the Council to halt the alleged intervention of the Red Army in Iran internal affairs, the Soviet answer declared that the Iranian charges were groundless and incorrect. Instead of the United Nations intervention in the affair Russia proposed that the differences between Iran and the Soviet Union be worked out through direct negotiations between the two countries.—Associated Press.

Dr. T. V. Soong Arrives In Colony

Dr. T. V. Soong, China's Premier, arrived at Kai Tak airfield by special plane from Canton shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday afternoon with an entourage of five high officials.

At the airport to welcome the distinguished visitor were H.E. the C-in-C, Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Air Commodore W.A.D. Brook, General Chow Ngan-pan, Mr. Chung Sui-man, representatives of the Kuomintang, Chinese Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, and prominent citizens.

Upon arrival on the Island Mr. Soong proceeded to Government House where he is staying as the guest of the C-in-C. A reception was held at Gloucester Hotel in his honour by the Hainanese Association of Hong Kong.

Dr. Soong's plans for to-day are indefinite. He has been invited on board H.M.S. "Duke of York" by Admiral Lord Fraser, but his acceptance of this invitation is contingent on the time of his departure as it is understood that he may leave the Colony, probably for Hainan Island, sometime to-day.

BOMBAY RIOTS CONTINUE

Bombay, Jan. 26. The police here failed to halt the riots which began on Wednesday as the toll mounted to 23 killed and over 600 wounded. In an effort to preserve peace during to-day's celebration of Indian Independence Day, the Congress Party has directed that 250 volunteer police be sent into the troubled areas of Bombay. There was some evidence of a decrease last night in the rioting which began with a demonstration on the birthday of Subhas Chandra Bose, former leader of the Japanese-sponsored Indian National Army. Indian Congress officials have appealed to the students to end the disturbances. The police still considered calling out military forces if necessary. They called the rioting anti-British and anti-authority demonstrations.—Associated Press.

British Plan

London, Jan. 26. British Air Ministry officials yesterday sketched plans for new gas-turbine flying boats in an effort to link the Empire by air without building costly airports. The Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Civil Aviation told the House of Commons that gas turbine engines could overcome the disadvantages of lower speed of the flying boat.—Associated Press.

NEW FOOD SHIPMENT FOR H.K.

THE VESSEL "HOPE-CROWN," AN 8,000 TONNER HAS ARRIVED FROM AUSTRALIA WITH FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE COLONY. Part of this consignment consists of flour, sugar, condensed milk and tinned meals. Large quantities of these foods are being fed into the market daily through the usual wholesalers and retailers, and some of the shopping difficulties of the public will soon be eased. With another consignment of foodstuffs expected in the near future, it is possible that the black-market in these essential commodities will be fought and beaten. At the present time, bakeries handling Administration supplies of flour are baking 23,000 lbs. of bread a day. Within a few days, this will be increased to 40,000 lbs. with additional bakeries coming into operation. The appearance of all these commodities is especially welcome at this time making it possible to meet to a great extent the increased demands of the community during the Chinese New Year. Local market-prices will be compelled to tumble down.

Restrictions On Travel

The public is notified that for the time being the entry of civilians into territories under the operational command of the Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia, is strictly controlled, and that applications are granted only in special circumstances. All applications must be referred to H.Q. Civil Affairs, A.L.F.S.E.A. for approval. In addition, shipping facilities are extremely limited and the public is therefore advised to defer applications until the resumption of Civil Government in the territories concerned. The territories referred to above are Ceylon, Malaya, British North Borneo, Sarawak, Netherlands East Indies and French Indo-China. Persons who have very special or urgent reasons for desiring entry into above territories should submit applications in writing to H.Q. Civil Affairs, A.L.F.S.E.A., S.E.A.C., giving the following details:—Name in full, address, age, nationality, nationality of parents, passport No. if any, destination, period of stay, reasons for visit. When applications have been approved, written approval from H.Q. A.L.F.S.E.A., "permits" will be issued by the Passport Office, (Police Branch), Oriental Building, Connaught Road.

NEW IRAN PREMIER

Teheran, Jan. 26. Gavan Ahmad Sultanzadeh, 65-year-old three times Premier of Iran, was to-day chosen by Parliament to succeed Dr. Ibrahim Hekmatki who resigned as head of the Government. Sultanzadeh promised to seek direct negotiations with Russia and the Azerbaijan Government. He said he had been assured that Moscow will bear any presentation of the Persian problem.—Associated Press.

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Price Levels

The steadily rising trend of the Colony's cost of living index figure is justifiably giving rise to deep concern. Seasonal causes, the approach of the Chinese New Year festival in particular, have doubtless operated influentially, but there is reason to suppose that other factors are involved which are not quite so easily disposed of. The scaling-up process has now been spread over a period of nearly two months, with an overall increase in prices of fifty per cent. in spite of the fact that one or two of the items in the official list have throughout been firmly pegged. In one or two instances to-day's prices are double what they were at the beginning of December. It is logical to expect that, New Year once over, a downward tendency will develop, but there is also reason to fear that it may prove a long and trying process from the viewpoint of those whose anxiety it is to restore Hong Kong to an economic position more akin to normality within the shortest possible time. Unfortunately, it is not simply a question of a further trial of strength with the black market. Were it no more than that, the situation could be viewed more optimistically. Another substantial shipment of foodstuffs has just arrived from Australia, and further large supplies are coming forward. But the field in which these overseas replenishments of the Colony's food stocks can work against the general level of prices is strictly limited in sphere, and while we hesitate to discount official hopes, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that to bank heavily on important gains in the battle of prices would be to court acute disappointment. Truth is, of course, that Government's comparative resources are weakest at the point where local price movements are most violent. Hong Kong happens to be one point in a large consuming area, which for trading purposes is a single large free market. If we are to import fresh vegetables, salt fish, pork, livestock, eggs, and farming produce generally from Kwangtung, payment of competitive prices is unavoidable. It is the cost of these particular commodities that have boosted the index so disturbingly, until stability is reached throughout Kwangtung, the prospect of more settled conditions here must be regarded as remote. No practical answer suggests itself, unless it is the reorientation of Government effort. Hitherto, naturally, food has been the administration's primary, if not its sole, concern. As much has been gained in this sphere, however, as is likely to be accomplished, with results not entirely commensurate with the effort. It may be that the only technique likely to prove successful is one involving attack on the broadest possible front. That inevitably takes us back to the basic problems, the urgent necessity for free movement of general merchandise and an increase in shipping facilities. Until such time as these conditions are met, Government can do little more than it is already doing. We can see no point in recommending adoption of the Singapore tactic, the inauguration of a Stop Buying campaign, since there is, surely, no-one in his sober senses who is making purchases in excess of absolute essentials.

COUNTING HIS CHICKENS

Cpl. Webb, R.A.F. Police, ascending the stairs No. 41 Peking Road on Jan. 25, noticed a Chinese counting tins of cigarettes. The tins were found to be marked N.A.A.F.I. Stores. Six tins and 34 packets of Players were found in Chan Man-chi's possession. Appearing before Mr. Latimer yesterday, the accused was fined \$15. Inspector Blackley prosecuted.

Readers' Letters

THANKS, MISS CHAN

Sir,—Thanks Miss Chan. Your letter in to-day's paper confirmed my previous opinion, that your original Sinatra letter was written in a spirit of good fun, and that you are one of those fortunate individuals blessed with a sense of humour.

You've stirred up a lively and amusing controversy. It's a relief in these days when the general run of news is pretty depressing, but the most amusing part about it is the gravity with which individuals like F. Hickman settle down to the grim business of trying to wipe the floor with you on the score of your form of literary expression.

Actually, your little essay into the ridiculous in pseudo-panic at the thought that Sinatra had been given a raw deal by an ungrateful public, was a little masterpiece in what I might call "literary impressionism." It could scarcely have been put over more neatly or with such an economy of words.

And when Hickie comes out with his boorish bull-at-nagate clochopper analysis, and justifies himself on the ground that he's been "a keen student of English literature for some time now," I just roll up with uncontrolled mirth at the way such people fall into the trap set by such a delightful leg-pull.

After a while, of course, I pull myself together and examine the whole thing in a more rational frame of mind, and I begin to wonder whether this war hasn't done something to us, something more serious than appears at first glance. You know, the thought, that a man can sit down, without passion or anger, but in plain cold blood, and per such consequences of all his "hours of study on the works of contemporaries," to produce disturbing. The deadliness of the man is shattering. If it strikes the man, no matter, but if it is the mark of a wider spread war-developed mentality, then truly Hitler and his Nazi henchmen have a tragic thing to answer for.

Our mutual friend, Omnia Vincit Labor, also appears to be "wrapped up in his own solemnity," if I may borrow a phrase from the "China Mail" editorial, but he does give the impression that he has a sound philosophical basis for his viewpoint, and for that, he can be forgiven much.

Finally, though I am sure Mr. Editor has refused to disclose your address to a score of correspondents already, I wonder if its any good trying my luck?

G.A.H.A.D.

NAUSEATED

Sir,—I have been reading in your papers recently with slight nausea and repore, the bickering of certain misguided and so-called critics of the individual capabilities, and status, of two of America's top crooners, as they are called.

Crooners or singers, Messrs. Crosby and Sinatra are off a somewhat different vint, to coin an old phrase, Miss Chan is, in my estimation, a little on the "I like Frankie because he's nice" attitude, with absolutely no appreciation of the homeliness and pleasing "institution" founded by the velvet-like, baritone-phrased, voice exuded by the inimitable Bing, as Mr. Harry Lillis Crosby has become known to the whole world. Yes, Miss Chan, I do like Bing—and equally as much, Frank Sinatra. But please, I beg of you, remember you can't compare the voice of the great Chairman with Nelson Eddy, nor the richness of Caruso with the impressive Gigli. So why compare the baritone voice of Bing with the light tenor (open to comment) voice of Frank Sinatra.

Ever heard Sinatra sing "The Song is You," Miss Chan, and the two Servicemen please! And my last attempt at neutralising this worrisome campaign for, and against, Frank Sinatra—Sinatra has come, Bing is still with us, but Sinatra will take his place when Bing retires, unless Garry, his eldest son, has Father's voice inherited. Oh and before I finish I would like to point out that people are entitled to their own unbiased opinions in this so-called free war and where absolutely no sense in trying to belittle the minds of people obsessed with their own opinions.

A BING AND FRANKIE FAN.

UNTHINKABLE!

Sir,—I have no desire to cause a local controversy as to the merits or otherwise of either "the one and only," namely Bing, or that small time crooner, Frank Sinatra, but, after reading such a deplorable letter (Bing or Frank?) in your esteemed paper, I thought I would endeavour to add a worthy reader to recover from an imaginary daze, brought about by the announcement regarding Bing's undisputed superiority, by writing this letter. Normally, I would ignore such an unimaginative letter, as no one who appreciates versatility in a gifted artist would write in such a manner, so, on behalf of all Bing fans, I pen this letter.

I am useless comparing such a singer as Sinatra with an artist whose name, soothing and agreeable voice has charmed numerous listeners with different musical tastes. To support my statement I can say that not only has he been proclaimed the No. 1 box office attraction in Hollywood for many years, but he has topped all polls as the most popular vocalist on the air, then as further proof, his record of 5,000,000 discs in the one year for Decca has never been seriously approached, and that his recordings have outsold all others by overwhelming margins in the last 10 years. He effortlessly exudes the velvet baritone phrases which have made him the best liked and best paid entertainer in the world and the air of impregnable composure which Bing wears at all times stems from the inner relaxation of a completely successful man. To all his recordings he imparts a simple dignity and depth of feeling, as if the Song he is recording, was the best song ever written. His radio and recording contracts are booked up until 1950, and, although "thinning on top" his film contract with Paramount runs until 1954, proof enough I am sure that he must be recognised as the wonder vocalist of all times.

No performer in history has ever achieved such ascendancy in so many media of expression. To compare Sinatra with Bing, unthinkable! Whew, will Sworath uphold the faith which his fans have placed in him. Time will tell.

J. P. WARK.

PHILOSOPHY

Sir,—It is no longer a question of Sinatra's superiority over Crosby, but one of philosophy.

The essence of philosophy is the observation and study of experience as an integrated whole, and the pursuit of abstractions in relation to the meaning and purpose of life.

Entertainment is an abstraction which often tends to be an end in itself, whereas it should reflect the meaning of experience, and the purpose of existence.

"Omnia vincit labor" mentions the true jazz music, and it is correct that the traditional twelve-bar blues reflects the life and experience of a certain section of the American community. On the other hand, croon-songs are the commercial exploitation of a latent desire to stop thinking and to enter a never-never land of sugar and spice. Insidious and dangerous, these saccharine superficialities obscure true values, and produce an end in themselves: the conviction that "winning will make it so."

PHILOSOPHY.

ALLITERATION

Sir,—Re "Omnia Vincit Labor" on the Crosby-Sinatra controversy.

Lal-la! Here was "apt alliteration's awful aid" run riot! How came these mighty minds mingling in mere mortals' minor matters?

DE PROFUNDIS

AGREEMENT

Sir,—We should like to assure Miss Chan that we entirely agree with the sentiments expressed in her letter yesterday.

TWO SANE SERVICEMEN.

Rice Charges

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Latimer yesterday with selling black market rice.

Kam Yiu was arrested at Shan Tung Street for selling 200 catty of rice to Wong Ching at 32 cents a catty. The price was 12 cents above the Government-controlled price. Accused stated he had been purchasing rice from dealers and was only making an average profit of three cents a catty. The case was remanded to Feb. 1, bail being fixed at \$100.

Chan Lam was summoned for selling 190 catties to Chan Po at 67 cents a catty. The case was remanded to Feb. 1. Inspector Anderson prosecuted in both cases.

GOLD SPURT

Gold took a big spurt yesterday after the lull of the two previous days. It opened at \$505 per tael with heavy buying which forced the price up to \$528 at the close.

Chinese national currency opened quiet at HK\$4.55 to CN\$1,000 and closed at \$4.60 with little business transacting. American dollars recovered in value and had buyers at \$3.05. English Sterling was bought at \$18.30, a drop on the previous day's rate, and Australian pound notes had buyers at \$12.85.

FINED FOR HIRING OUT CAR
Poon Wal-leung, of No. 87, Lee Garden Street, first floor, was summoned before Mr. A. C. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday for hiring out car No. 104 between 8 p.m. and midnight on Jan. 12.

According to Inspector Clark of the Land Transport, he received information that accused had hired out the car. The man to whom accused hired the car was found. The car was originally given to Colonel T. T. Fide for his use. Defendant admitted the charge and was fined \$25.

Sarawak Test Case

London, Jan. 26.

Sarawak is described as a test case for Britain by Anthony Brooks, Raja Muda of Sarawak and head of the late Provincial Government, in a letter to the current issue of the "New Statesman and Nation."

"Quite apart from the fact," he writes, "that Sarawak is as large as England and is financially independent into the bargain, there is in truth no escape from the hard fact that Sarawak is not 'British'."

"The agreement of 1898 between Sarawak and Britain is unquestionably a treaty between two independent states and operates within the field of international law."

"The Colonial Office would be no more justified in 'planning' for Sarawak than planning for (or annexing) Trans-Jordan after that country has attained the status which Sarawak has already enjoyed for more than 100 years."

"It is high time that the Colonial Office set aside their high-handed attitude and come out into the open with a public explanation of their course of action which, on the face of it, is inconsistent with every declaration on Imperial policy made by His Majesty's Government during the past 20 years and which, if given the blessing of His Majesty's Government, would make mockery of the preamble to the United Nations Charter."—Reuter.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement of Miss Margarida (Margie) Alacque Marques and Mr. C. L. Rocha Jr. was announced last night.

Miss Marques, who is with the Naval Press Relations Office, is the second daughter of the late Mr. F. L. and Mrs. Marques. Mr. C. L. Rocha was formerly with Messrs. Margman and is at present in the Harbour Department.

QUICK ARREST

Wong Ping, arrested by a Chinese detective ten minutes after he had stolen a suit of pyjamas, a pair of woollen socks and a pair of white underpants from a radio jeep outside the Kowloon Hotel, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Inspector Anderson stated that the articles belonged to Lt. Hardy of H.M.S. Vindex. Six weeks hard labour was imposed.

Pre-War Tenant Refused Eviction

AT THE KOWLOON TENANCY TRIBUNALS YESTERDAY MR. EDWARD HOME'S APPLICATION FOR AN EVICTION ORDER WAS REFUSED. THE OPPONENT, REPRESENTED BY LT. PRIOR, STATED THAT HE WAS THE PRESENT TENANT. HE HAD BEEN PAYING RENT REGULARLY OVER A YEAR TO THE CREDIT FONCIER AND WAS RECOGNISED AS THE RIGHTFUL TENANT OF NO. 304, NATHAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR.

The applicant, Mr. Home was the pre-war tenant and left the Colony shortly after the Japanese occupation. The premises were used by the Japanese for a long time until they vacated in 1944. Since then the applicant had been in occupation, and used the premises for the Heung Hoi Tailor Shop.

The Tribunal, comprising Messrs. E. Abraham (Chairman), Fr. Granelli and H. S. Mok, decided that the applicant had no grounds to ask for eviction since the opponent was recognised by the landlord.

WATERLOO RD. FLAT
The case in which the applicant, Chu Siu Ching, asked for a variation of rent for No. 19, Waterloo Road, second floor, was adjourned by another Tribunal with Mr. Horace Lo in the chair assisted by Messrs. Siu Ho Ming and H.K. Leo. Lt. Prior was acting for the opponent, Lam Shin Kwok, landlord of the premises.

The second floor was occupied by opponent prior to the outbreak of war. After the Japanese occupation, he moved out and rented the flat to applicant. Applicant wanted to use a cubicle on the third floor but was refused by the landlord.

Chu told the Tribunal that he was willing to pay \$45 rent if he was allowed the use of the

HONG KONG MAY BENEFIT FROM CHINA RESTRICTIONS

SHANGHAI, JAN. 26.

UNLESS AND UNTIL THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MODIFIES THE NEW CHINESE COMPANY LAWS AND THE PRESENT TAXATION SYSTEM, AND FIXES AN EQUITABLE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE, THERE CAN BE NO HOPE OF AN EARLY FOREIGN TRADE REVIVAL IN CHINA. THIS IS THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION OF LEADING FOREIGN BUSINESS CIRCLES HERE CANVASSED BY REUTERS.

"WE MUST KNOW WHERE WE STAND," AN OFFICIAL OF THE BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAID. "AT PRESENT THE SITUATION IS IN A STATE OF FLUX, AND UNTIL THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT MAKES A DEFINITE STATEMENT REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW COMPANY LAW AND MAKES CLEAR ITS POLICY CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF IMPORT DUTIES AND TAXES, WE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO DO ANYTHING TO REVIVE CHINA'S TRADE."

He revealed that considerable pressure was being applied at present by both foreign and Chinese businessmen to have some of the provisions of the Company Law, which has not yet been promulgated, amended by the Chinese Government.

It is also learned that representations are being made to have some of the new Chinese taxes either postponed or modified. On this question of taxation, Chinese business circles are as worried as foreign traders.

Chinese merchants all fully realise that they are to a great extent dependent on the British and American houses, and they fear that if the latter are driven out of the field by heavy taxation, Chinese businesses will sink to a low level.

It is rumoured that if no modification is forthcoming in the heavy capitalisation tax, many British firms here will probably move their head offices to Hong Kong, which will carry the main capitalisation, while maintaining branch offices in Shanghai with a low capital.

Similarly, the majority of small British businesses in Shanghai formerly without branches in Hong Kong, may move to the British colony. It is generally agreed that small business stands little chance of survival if the present tax system is enforced and no gradation is set to exclude special investments from the Excess Profits Tax.

Under the present Income Tax and Excess Profits Tax, it is stated for example, a small store upon doubling its capital in a year's time must pay an Income Tax of 20 per cent and an E.P.T. of 55 per cent—in other words, part with 75 per cent of its profits.

The present system of import duties is also a source of complaint. Instead of charging on invoice bills the Customs charge on the current market price in Shanghai—which means that goods which are highly priced here due to scarcity, must bear a tremendous import duty. Besides frightening off prospective importers, this also results in artificially high prices remaining in force.

Another impediment to an early trade revival is the lack of equitable foreign exchange rate. So far, it has been impossible for British businessmen here to devise a way of paying for imports into China from Britain. Since there is no reasonable official rate, banks are not able to make telegraphic transfers. It is possible to buy some sterling on the black market, but in insufficient quantities to finance any big transaction.

ROOM FOR BOTH
American businesses are a little better off in this respect, since it is possible to buy as much gold dollars on the black market as desired.

As regards the strong competition being set up by new American concerns to the old-established British houses, one leading British merchant stated: "We have very deep roots in China, and while we got off to a slow start compared with the Americans, I think we will have no difficulty in getting on our feet again once the Chinese Government makes its intentions clear. There is room for both British and American enterprises here now that the Japanese and Germans are out of the market."

"And I am confident that the Americans will not take away much of our pre-war trade in China. Much depends, of course, on how soon Britain can start exporting again on a large scale."—Reuter.

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Severe sentence were imposed on two Chinese who were found guilty of stealing 451 tins of vitamin tablets by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Inspector Anderson told the Court that at 2 a.m. on Jan. 26 L.A.C. Brannell and L.A.C. Morton saw the two accused inside No. 6 Kowloon Godown with three bags containing the tablets. Cost per tin was about \$2.

Both accused pleaded guilty. The first, Lau Hing, was sentenced to a year's hard labour, and second, who was only 14, sent to the Reformatory for two years. His conduct would be taken into consideration and at the end of the first year, the sentence would be reviewed.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE

Kan Wah, 23, unemployed, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with others not in custody, with an armed robbery at No. 313, Des Voeux Road, Canton on Jan. 10, and with possession of a Mauser automatic pistol, a hand grenade, a .38 Webley Scott revolver and 38 rounds of ammunition at Johnston Road near Mallory Street and at Chinese Street on Jan. 23.

It was alleged that accused robbed Chan Chan of a fountain pen valued at \$25, \$45 in Hong Kong currency and \$30,000 N.C. Wong Chiu, of two watches and other inmates of No. 313, Des Voeux Road Central of money and jewellery valued at \$3,362.32.

At the request of Detective Sub-Inspector R. Mackenzie the case was adjourned to Jan. 29.

STOLE WINDOWS

Tang Tung, 29, hawker, and Tam Cham, 30, unemployed, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. A. C. Arculli at the Summary Military Court yesterday for the theft of glass window panes from No. 174, Cameron Villas, Mount Kellett.

Accused were arrested in possession of the panes when they were leaving the premises, which were unoccupied.

"KWEIYANG" CHARTERED

It is learned that the s.s. Kweiyang, which arrived from Shanghai on Jan. 23, has been chartered by the Chinese Government for a round trip to Hainan in Hainan Island.

The vessel will leave Hong Kong on Jan. 28 with about 300 Chinese Government personnel for Hainan, and she will bring back about 800 tons of war materials surrendered by the Japanese, and 2,200 tons salt for the Chinese Government.

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Shataukok Seizure In Communist Charge

CHUNGKING, JAN. 26. MUTUAL ACCUSATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF THE TRUCE AGREEMENT FLEW THICKER THAN EVER YESTERDAY. DAYS AFTER THE "CEASE FIRE" DEADLINE IN THE GOVERNMENT - COMMUNIST CONTROVERSY.

THE "NEW CHINA DAILY NEWS," THE COMMUNIST ORGAN IN CHUNGKING, LASHED OUT AGAINST "18 YEARS OF KUOMINTANG DICTATORSHIP" AND SAID IF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATION CONFERENCE FAILED, THE RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE ENTIRELY ON GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S GOVERNMENT.

Among the latest Communist charges of Nationalist violations of truce agreements were:

Firstly, seizure on Jan. 15 of Shataukok, across the border from the British-leased New Territories of the colony of Hong Kong. Another nearby township, unidentified, was said to have been taken the same day.

Secondly, the Nationalists on Jan. 21 captured Mengcheng in southern Shansi, 150 miles south of the provincial capital of Taiyuan.

The Communists claim they took two towns in northern Shansi near the rail junction city of Taiyuan, which they alleged had been occupied by the Nationalists.

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BID TO STOP INFLATION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Jan. 26. The Supreme Allied Commander, General Douglas MacArthur, to-day ordered the Japanese Government to end its "inflationary policy" by strictly cutting expenses to the minimum; secondly, financing deficits as much as possible from current savings of the Japanese people; and thirdly, refraining from deficit financing through the Bank of Japan or the new "ordinary" banks.

He also invoked the Potsdam declaration which guarantees "respect for the fundamental human rights" by abolishing licensed prostitution in Japan.

In a stern order to the Japanese Government, he directed them to annul immediately all laws which authorize prostitution and nullify all contracts or agreements which bind or commit any woman to the practice of prostitution.—Reuter.

Madam Chiang Decorates Russians

Chungking, Jan. 25. Madam Chiang Kai-shek to-day decorated 15 Soviet Generals at Changchun, Manchurian capital, on behalf of the Chinese Government and the Generalissimo.

Remarking that Stalin, "after having accepted the enemy's unconditional surrender, now is returning the region of Manchuria to the National Government of China," she said she "was deeply impressed" by his "wise, far-sighted statesmanship."

She said: "It is my conviction that the future will see mutually friendly relations between China and Russia which will stand as an example to the world."—Associated Press.

Russia To Take Part In Tokyo Trials

Tokyo, Jan. 25. After weeks of silence Russia has decided to participate in the International Tribunal which will try top ranking Japanese war criminals, General MacArthur's Chief Prosecutor, Joseph B. Keenan announced to-day.

He said that all signatories to the surrender of Japan have now decided to participate. He listed them as the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, France, Russia and the Netherlands.

Previously Russia was maintaining silence on the American invitation for her to participate. Plans for starting the trials in March. Russia will send one representative as judge and one as assistant prosecutor.—Associated Press.

CLARK KERR FOR WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 25. The State Department is reported to have approved the British Government's nomination of Sir Archibald Clark Kerr as the next British Ambassador to the United States. Officially the State Department had no comment on the subject.

Lord Halifax, the present Ambassador, is slated to give up his post after five years' service in the United States.—Associated Press.

U. S. OBLIGATIONS

Berlin, Jan. 25. United States Secretary of War Robert Patterson yesterday expressed sympathy with the wishes of U.S. soldiers to go home but said he believed there was growing consciousness among all Americans of "their obligations in preserving peace."

In the German capital for a day on his world tour, Patterson said the United States War Department hoped the army of occupation would eventually be composed of volunteers. He said there was a very urgent need for defining Germany's western boundaries and creating a central administration for the Reich. He indicated that concessions might be made to break the impasse with France.

Washington, Jan. 25. The seven-man Committee appointed to examine the U.S. military situation in Germany has completed its study and will report to the War Department by the end of the month.

French Victims Of Nazis Prepare Case

NUERNBERG, JAN. 25. SIX FRENCHMEN WHO SURVIVED THE HORRORS OF THE NAZI PRISON CAMPS ARE TO PREPARE EVIDENCE WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT AGAINST THE REICH LEADERS HERE.

They represent more than 3,000,000 Frenchmen who suffered torture and death at Dachau, Mauthausen and other notorious German camps.

Maurice Lammie, General Secretary of the Political Deportees Federation and Frederic Ricot, assistant secretary, said that in August, 1944, forty-seven Americans, English and Dutch Air Force officers were beaten to death after their condemnation by an Axis Court.

The War Crimes Tribunal itself was given documents outlining a Nazi programme of terror against potential French resistance leaders as early as 1943. When the invasion came a year later, this programme was carried out.

Thousands of innocent persons in Western Europe were rounded up and executed, the French prosecutor asserted. He said the total number was unknown but at least there were 40,000 victims in one of the German prisons in France alone.—Associated Press.

Nuernberg, Jan. 25. France charged that the Nazis executed at least 29,000 hostages during the occupation of France.

Charles du Bost, French prosecutor, made the accusation yesterday before the war crimes tribunal and attributed the prime responsibility to Field Marshal William Keitel and former Reichsmarschall Hermann Goerring.

Du Bost said Keitel ordered 50 to 100 French Communists killed for each German killed during the occupation of France.—Associated Press.

Colonies Danger

London, Jan. 25. John Foster Dulles, who represents the United States on the U.N.O. trusteeship committee, said yesterday the amendment to the trusteeship proposed by the United States should remind inhabitants of Indonesia and other colonies that they could attain self-government through orderly United Nations channels.

The amendment calls for the powers who have colonies to fulfil their charter obligations by making "possible the attainment of legitimate aspirations of non-self-governing peoples."

While here are about twelve to thirteen million persons in mandated areas which will become trusteeships in the future, Dulles said that 800,000,000 live in what U.N.O. experts call "non-self-governing territories."

Dulles said the world's colonies, more than any other areas, probably will present problems which could cause the next war.—Associated Press.

Election Troubles

Buenos Aires, Jan. 25. The Argentine War Ministry has offered 50 soldiers to be assigned as an escort for the campaign train of Jose Tamborini, democratic Union's Presidential candidate. The train was the target of stops and bullets while on tour on Thursday.

Various political leaders have urged the government to guarantee the safety of Tamborini who opposes Colonel Juan Peron, former strong man and Vice-President of the military regime, in the elections on Feb. 24.

A judge in one of the provinces tried to detain Tamborini for questioning in connection with the shooting on Thursday night at Jujuy in which a boy was killed and a woman seriously injured but the government overruled the judge's decision.—Associated Press.

OILFIELD SEIZURE

Washington, Jan. 25. Acting Secretary of States Dean Acheson to-day expressed dissatisfaction at the pace of negotiations with Russian officials regarding the operation of Humarian oil fields owned by the Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Acheson said American representatives are now discussing with the Russians who seized the Lappe oilfields on the question of how much production is expected from that area. He said the negotiations were not going as fast as the United States would like.—Associated Press.

Geneva, Jan. 25. The Japanese diplomatic corps in Brussels, Belgium, has been ordered to leave by the Belgian government to-day.

The United States Secretary of War Robert Patterson said yesterday that the United States would not be bound by the terms of the Potsdam declaration which guarantees "respect for the fundamental human rights" by abolishing licensed prostitution in Japan.

Daily Air Service To India Planned

London, Jan. 25. As "York" aircraft become available for civilian use the service to India will be increased to daily frequency, said Mr. Ivor Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Thomas, who was moving a resolution approving the Government's civil aviation plans, said that 25 civilian "York" planes would be delivered by the end of February and another 12 had been ordered for delivery in March.

The delivery of 79 "Tudor II" aircraft, which were primarily intended for the Commonwealth and South American routes, would begin in May and be completed by May, 1947.

Twelve "Halifaxes" were being obtained from the Royal Air Force for use on the West African line, and probably to India.—Reuter.

Silk May Become A Curiosity

New York, Jan. 25. Despite the strong current demand for silk products of almost any kind the future of the natural silk market of the United States is not bright. Silk mill's spokesmen say "psychology of absence" has a lot to do with current craving but their estimates of future silk consumption are modest. Estimates of demand range from 20 per cent to two-thirds of the 1939 market.

Milton Rubin, President of American Silk Mills, the largest pre-war consumption weaving trade says that if the rebirth of business is mis-managed, silk may become a curiosity to be found only in museums by 1946. Much depends on how soon Japan which formerly supplied 90 per cent of United States silk, establishes the industry.

Paulino Gerdi, President of the International Silk Guild says that Japan is producing about one-fifth of her pre-war total and he doubts that she will be able to raise that to more than one-half of the pre-war output in the next five years.

Mill-men agree that the silk industry will ultimately have to forego the idea of being a big business and will have to aim at a small luxury market.—Associated Press.

OCCUPATION FORCE

Nuernberg, Jan. 25. U.S. Secretary of War Robert Patterson yesterday said here the War Department's long range figure for the size of the American occupation force in Germany was still in its planning state, but added: "It will be less than I expected."

He said the "only thing settled" was to have an army strength of 200,000 in Germany by July 1.—Associated Press.

PRODUCTION TO STOP

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 25. A survey by executive of major tire producing firms here drew predictions that tire manufacture will be suspended within few weeks for lack of steel wire used in tire beads.

The tire production is now between 180,000 to 200,000 casings a day. Akron plants produce more than 60,000 casings daily, the majority of which are for passenger cars.—Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 25. Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes yesterday urged stockpiling of scarce metals alone with an increase in exploration for new reserves.

Turning the war's main on national assets as a warning, Ickes said that the "war of attrition" between the United States and Germany is now being fought in the field of raw materials.

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The Competent Authority for the Colony is Colonel G.B.H. Delamain, O.B.E., M.G., Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer (Military).

Applications and correspondence concerning motor vehicles in Hong Kong should be addressed to S.O.H. Land Transport, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road.

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C. B. F. DELAMAIN,
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19th January, 1946.

Characters in Places

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As the Hawkesbury River flows on its tortuous course, it depicts the pleasant countryside of New South Wales, adding beauty to the scene. Near Windsor, where the River is broadened by one thousand streams, lies the Valley of the Light of Life.

God is in that lovely valley. Its beauty He has balanced with an otherworldly.

From its pregnant soil, grow the mangrove and the orange, the luscious prizes of triumphant toil. Distant mountains, blue-tinted with subdued lustre, surround it and bask in its radiance. A subtle sense of peace pervades the air, sweet-scented with bright blossom. By day, the kookaburra croons, by night, the opossum plays. The valley is hallowed for it is the mirror of God.

In the mirror I saw a reflection.

One Saturday afternoon in early Spring, a cricket match was played in the valley. There was a bucolic aspect about the members of the teams, who had been selected from the neighbouring villages. From humble homes in tiny communities had come these men, accompanied by their wives and families. Most of the men were fruit-growers and farmers, but present also were the village shopkeeper, the village parson and — Albert.

I remember noticing that it was Albert who carried all the bats and pads and gloves to the ground. It was Albert who set the wickets, meticulously measuring the exact length of the crude pitch and it was Albert who, when the game began, drew pencil and book from his pocket and kept the score.

A CRIPPLE
Albert was a cripple. He limped as he walked, the right leg gamely supporting the weight which the left leg seemed unwilling to accept. As if in ironical compensation for his infirmity, he was slight in build—despite the fact that he came from a brawny breed of men.

His well-combed hair was sparse but black and curly. The sports clothes he wore were certainly not new but they were clean and showed the care he had given them.

Albert played in the cricket match. When his side batted, Albert batted and scored many runs. As he hit the ball, he would hobble to one side of his crease, while one of his team-mates ran on his behalf. When his side fielded, Albert fielded and seldom allowed the ball to slip past his eager, wicket-keeper's gloves. Throughout the game, when he was neither batting nor fielding, Albert entered the score in his little book.

His eyes shone with the zest of the game. He was happy. After the game had finished, Albert came across to where I sat. We lay down on the grass and, as the mild breeze of approaching dusk wafted tenderly over us, we talked of many things.

My close concern was his life-history and before long, I was listening to it.

In his youth, Albert had an accident which harmed his leg. It was a minor injury but complications arose. An obscure disease attacked the bone and began to spread with sickening rapidity.

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His life was endangered. Operation followed operation until they became a commonplace to him. For years he lay in hospital, enduring agonising pain. Sometimes he would improve and, with optimism

renewed, he would yearn for complete recovery. Then, with insidious regularity, the disease would recur and he would cry aloud in pleading for a merciful relief in death.

Throughout it all, his spirit never faltered. Only on those occasions when the pain became un-

bearable, did he wish to die. His greatest desire was to live. He prayed often and seldom forgot to thank His Maker for his few blessed deliverances from pain.

By
JAMES F. FORREST

Desperately, the surgeons worked to save his life. They loved this patient, who had battled so gamely to help them. In a last endeavour, they decided to try the newly-discovered sulphur drugs. A miracle happened. The malignant disease was arrested. His condition began to improve. At first, Albert sat up slowly but eventually, when he could receive wonderful healing penicillin, his recovery was swift and certain.

At once his joy was unbounded. Yet his exultation never transcended his gratitude, for Albert believed they should be indivisible.

A FREEMASON
Anotheosis replaced anathema. He resolved to serve others, although he knew he would remain a cripple for the rest of his life.

In course of time, Albert left hospital and later acquired his father's business. He was a haulage contractor and his customers were his neighbours.

The business prospered but Albert never amassed much money. Every charity received his generous support; he joined every organisation which operated for the good of mankind. He thought of marriage and rejected the idea, because he considered it would be an unfair arrangement. This hurt him deeply but he was hurt even more by the thought that he was unable to fight for his country.

However, there was a way he could help. Albert began to entertain servicemen at his home near the valley. Not one or two, but scores of servicemen received his liberal hospitality and in this way, happiness had come to him. We stopped talking. In the dim light of the evening, Albert gripped my hand in friendship and suddenly, I understood.

I understood the sincerity which underlay his principles and ideals. Now I knew his manly had given him the desire to produce a panacea for the ills of the world. Albert was a freemason and I—his guest.

TO FIX CHINA BUDGET

Washington, Jan. 26.
President Truman yesterday named Mr. Wilson Wyatt, Administrator of the National Housing Agency, to succeed John Blandford, Jr., who is going to China soon to set up a budget system for the Chinese Government.

White House press secretary Ross said the Chinese Government had appealed to President Truman sometime ago for designation of an American to set up its budget. Wyatt is to succeed Blandford on Feb. 1.—Associated Press.

THE KINDLY EYE

I have been reading a book, the first new book for four long years, and it is about home.

Perhaps that is why I feel so strangely moved. It was given me by a Texan, Lieut. Col. C. H. Andrus of the U.S. Army, and it was written by a man from the same State the donor's friend J. Frank Dobie, described by the Cambridge Latinist as "De bobus longicornibus quod lib non cognovit inutile est alius cognoscere"—in other words "what he does not know about long-horned cattle is not worth knowing"—was for a time during the war visiting professor in American history at Cambridge and when he was not doing that spent his time to good effect studying the English. The book is described in the publisher's blurb as a humorous and at the same time moving. It is more than humorous; it has that gentle wit of understanding which makes it moving. Dobie let the English life seep into him away from Cambridge. He must be a lovable man for he was able to mix with all manner of people and come away understanding them. The result is a book which has moved me deeply. Hence this review.

Did we British get under his skin? I believe we did. But, if we did, it was all unknowingly. It might be that Britain under the blows of the enemy so appealed to his sympathies, that he has magnified an inevitable bravery—inevitable if we were not to go under—into something approaching national heroism. Perhaps he is right: it is not for us to say.

ENGLISH FACILITY
I get the enormous sympathy of the man in something which is not national. He had met a young woman, she was engaged to a man out fighting; she was all alone and without any company and when he had given her a happy evening "she told me goodbye with lips that belonged to Fred."

"Ships that pass in the night And you who are comfortable, relent a little towards the millions of girls over all the lands between all the seas of the world to whom these dragging years of war, while taking from, have also given something of the realities. It taking away the dew from their eyes, experiences have made some callous, some foolish, some wise, too wise, many gay for a night, many sad for long, and all my starless within the mystic—and with the pillow of the human soul."

earthworm straying across flagstones, picks it up to return to the grass whence it came, would write something like that.

Watching an air-raid over London, he recalled the English family far from home. "Is that thunder?" one was asked. "No," replied another Englishman. "It's German bombs." "Good I was afraid it was going to rain. He visits an air-raid shelter during a raid around Christmas 1944, and as he was leaving two "very plain women sitting knitting while they waited for a call, near the door, said almost together, 'Happy Christmas to you both!'"

ON PEACE
"I cannot tell why or how, so deep down there in the caverns of my mind, only a faint German destruction, but for American boys, those words came home to me. I suppose it was because they were so sincerely meant. The good natural things of this world never grow stale—like sunrises, moonlight, the blue of bluebonnets in the spring, the startled cry of the hildie or the curlew from its ground perch, the whistling of a man on horseback riding along a trail at night, the mist rising over the water on a winter morning, the cuddling down of a child to sleep, the feel of a loved woman's hand on a fevered forehead, the voice of a comrade who cares after he has not seen you for a long time or when he is telling you good-bye for what may be forever. Like a quiet bell, away off on a Sunday morning, I keep hearing the 'Happy Christmas' of these two kindly featured, plainly dressed women down in the caverns so deep under the streets of London."

And then again on peace. A Christmas will come when the bells of Grandchester church and the bells of all the churches in England which is church as few other lands are church, will be ringing out peace. I am absolutely certain that for every part of the world, America included, the perpetuation of that peace depends on an Anglo-American alliance with other countries. What a decent world it could easily be if public spokesmen, instead of stirring up the people to distrust and to short-sighted grinning, would allow the natural goodness in human hearts on both sides of the Atlantic to operate. The kind of people we can trust humanly are the kind of people we can trust governmentally."

There are but dippings into a 280-page volume, full of good things, so good that there is a connection around the eyes as they are read. It is a pity the book is not yet available in Shanghai, but when it is every Briton who could should buy it. Personally, though, I have been there twice. I should like to go to Texas again, that he should help me see his State as he has made me see my country. And the name of the book is "A Peace in England."

BRIDGE NOTES

Probably the best known conventional lead at Bridge is that of the King from a suit headed by either Ace-King or King-Queen, but there are circumstances in which that lead should not be made. For example:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

B. 7 4
H. A 9 4
D. 9 5 4
C. A Q J 8 4

B. 9 6 3
H. Q J 10 5
D. J 8 6 2
C. 7 5

B. 8 6 3
H. 8 7 8 2
D. A K 3
C. K 9 2

B. A K Q J 10
H. K 6
D. Q 10 7
C. 10 9 3

The bidding:
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West opened the Queen of hearts, dummy winning with the Ace. Declarer then drew three rounds of trumps and finessed the ten of clubs around to East's club King. It was at this point that East had to cast conversions to the winds.

South's insistence on a spade contract made it perfectly clear that he had the two unplayed trumps. It was also clear that he held the heart King, for West would not have led the heart Queen from a holding headed by both King and Queen. Finally, four club tricks for South were in plain sight.

The only chance to defeat the contract lay in taking three diamond tricks at once—before South could regain the lead and discard on the clubs. And East's best chance to get three diamond tricks was to lead the three of diamonds! Any diamond lead would be all right if West had the Queen, of course, but the deceptive low lead was vital if South had the Queen.

At it happened, South did have the Queen of diamonds; but he naturally finessed the ten. West won with the diamond Jack and returned the suit, whereupon East's top diamonds defeated the contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

S—A Q 6 3
H—8
D—A J 7 5 4
C—K 10 2

The bidding:
Schenken You Major Jacoby
1 H Dbl. 1 S Dbl.
Pass (7)
Pass (7)

Answer: Pass. Your partner's double is for penalties, and with your strength in spades you are perfectly willing to cooperate in defence against its spade bid. You should be pretty sure that the spade bid is a "psychic," and your partner's double exposes it. Score 100 per cent for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION
To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken You Major Jacoby
1 H Dbl. 1 S Dbl.
Pass Pass 2 H Pass
Pass (7)
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

Oldest Profession Banned

Tokyo, Jan. 25.

General MacArthur has banned the centuries-old Japanese custom under which Japanese farmers sold their daughters into houses of prostitution.

The general ordered the Japanese government to abide by the section of the Potsdam declaration which guarantees respect for fundamental human rights, under which the Japanese must annul all laws licensing prostitution and all contracts binding women to it.

The licensing of houses was recently forbidden but the law still permitted the sale of girls. Two weeks ago Tokyo brothel-keepers association decided to release girls from their contracts—to permit them to go into business independently.—Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Jan. 25.
Resolutions calling upon the United States to retain strategic bases in the Pacific and about 100,000 military trainees were adopted unanimously yesterday by the National Representative Committee of the American Legion.

CHURCH NOTICE

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL (Garden Road)

Sunday—3rd Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. 8.00 a.m. 11.20 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Matins & Sermon at 10.30 a.m. Preacher, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Evensong & Sermon 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Father Spratley. Daily Service at 7.30 a.m. Every Thursday Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. Fellowship meeting for prayers and bible study at 5.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall. Every Wednesday and Friday choir practice in the Cathedral at 5.20 p.m.

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CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL (10, Canton Road, Tel. 22074)

Sunday, Morning Services: at 8.00 Holy Mass; at 7.00 Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 Holy Mass (sermon in English); at 10.00 Holy Mass (sermon in English); Afternoon Services: at 3.00 Catechism classes; at 4.00 Solemn Benediction. Thursday, Holy Hour from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Friday, First Friday. Holy Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart at 7.30 a.m. Saturday, First Saturday, The Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas Day). Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m.

CATHOLIC CENTRE'S CHAPEL (King's Bldg. 1st floor, Tel. 22187)

Sunday, Holy Mass, particularly for the Forces at 5.30 p.m. On week days, Holy Mass at 7.30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH (Garden Road, Tel. 23992)

Sunday, at 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass and Benediction. On week days, Holy Mass at 8.00 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH (Happy Valley, Tel. 27807)

Sunday, at 7.00 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 9.30 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon in English); at 3.00 p.m. Catechism classes in Chinese; at 3.30 p.m. Singing; at 4.00 p.m. Benediction and Catechism in English. On week days, Holy Mass at 7.00 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH (St. Louis Ind. School, Tel. 21226)

Sunday, at 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); and Benediction at 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass on week days, Masses at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m.

ROSARY CHURCH (20 Chatham Road, Tel. 50002)

Sunday, at 7.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.30 a.m. Choral Mass with sermon in English and Benediction; at 10.00 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in English); at 8.30 p.m. Meeting of the Children of Mary, (Senior Section) Monday, High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Tuesday, To-day begins a Retreat for the Chinese Congregation at 7.30 a.m. Mass, Rosary and Sermon; at 5.30 p.m. The Way of the Cross, Sermon and Benediction. The Retreat ends on February 1. Thursday Holy Hour from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. Friday, First Friday, at 7.00 a.m. Choral Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart, General Communion and Benediction, Saturday, The Purification of Our Lady First Saturday in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chinese New Year, High Mass, General Communion of the Children of Mary and Benediction at 7.30 a.m. Chinese classes and Confessions for children at 9.30 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH (Prince Edward Road, Tel. 56217)

Sunday, at 6.30 a.m. Holy Mass (sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 a.m. Choral Mass (sermon in English) and Benediction; at 10.00 a.m. (particularly for the men of Services) Holy Mass. A Retreat in Chinese in preparation for the Chinese New Year will commence on Monday, and close on Saturday morning. Every day at 6.00 p.m. Rosary, Sermon and Benediction. Preacher: Rev. Fr. Peter Chow. On week days Masses at 6.30 and 7.30 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST Hong Kong

(A branch of THE MOTHER CHURCH, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Boston, Mass.)

Sunday Service 11 a.m. Banquet de L'Inde Chino (French Bank Bldg.) 2nd floor, Queen's Road. The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Churches on Sunday, January 27, is "TRUTH." "The Golden Rule" Psalm 100:5. "The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations." Christian Science literature can be obtained of nearest sales the service. All are welcome.

R.C. SERVICES FOR H.M. FORCES

Sunday, St. Joseph's Church, Holy Mass at 9.30 a.m. Catholic Centre, Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Kowloon

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.15 a.m. Morning Service. Preacher: Rev. W. D. Boyd, B.A., 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion with 1st Lesson. 7.30 p.m. Evening Service. Preacher: Rev. W. D. Boyd, B.A., 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

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and Hongkong. New classes of Full
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February. Registration now started.
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jestic Cabaret)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

Medical Branch

NOTICE

The Public is again reminded
of the necessity for boiling fresh
milk before consumption as the
pasteurising plants are not
yet in operation.

Raw milk may carry various
types of infection and the fact
that the milk is in bottles should
not be regarded as a guarantee
of its safety.

J. P. FEHILY,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)

THE SECOND DISTRIBUTION
OF
AUSTRALIAN
MEATS-POULTRY-HAMS

will be carried out from 31st
January with a break on 2nd,
3rd & 4th February, until orders
received have been executed.

All orders must be written
and in the hands of the Distri-
butor, The Dairy Farm Ice &
Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Windsor
House by 5 p.m. on 29th January.

A stamped addressed en-
velope in which the distributors
may mail the purchase docket
must be enclosed with the order.

Under no circumstances will
orders which do not comply with
these requirements be dealt with.

Since stocks of some of the
items for distribution are limited
the full execution of orders can-
not be guaranteed. The ordering
of alternative items is therefore
suggested.

When orders have been sorted
purchase dockets stating the
items which may be purchased,
the date and point of issue,
will be mailed.

Produce which may be
ordered:

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\$2.45 per lb.

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Quantity limited weights 3/5 lbs.
\$1.55 per lb.

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Quantity limited weights 2/3 lbs.
\$2.10 per lb.

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(Whole 2/3 lbs.)... \$1.00 per lb.

BEEF BEST CUTS
(2 to 4 lbs.)... \$1.30 per lb.

Intending purchasers are re-
quested to note that order for
Turkeys, Chickens and Ham
Cuts must be restricted to one of
each.

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2, Lower Albert Road,
Nathan Road, Kowloon.
East Point.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd.
Exchange Building.

Please name the distributing
point from which issue is re-
quired in your order.

Honolulu, Jan. 26.
The Army Olympics swimming
meet at Schofield Barracks pool
to-day and to-morrow will be de-
voted to six members of the
Marianas swimming team who
were killed when a plane bring-
ing them here for the finals
crashed off Majuro Atoll on Jan.
13. The names of the six vic-
tims have not been announced.—
Associated Press.

Members of the League Man-
agement Committee are reminded
of the meeting to be held to-
morrow at 5.15 p.m.

League Leaders
Held To A Draw

THE MUCH AWAITED FOOTBALL GAME BETWEEN
THE LEAGUE LEADERS, 44 R.M. COMMANDOS,
AND SOUTH CHINA ENDED IN A ONE ALL
DRAW AT CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY BUT ON
THE GENERAL RUN OF THE PLAY COMMANDOS
WERE UNFORTUNATE IN HAVING TO SHARE
THE POINTS AS THEY WERE DECIDEDLY THE
BETTER TEAM.

NAVY, "B", WHO HAVE DROPPED ONLY ONE POINT
SO FAR, HAD NO DIFFICULTY AGAINST CIVIL-
LIANS "B" AND WON BY SIX CLEAR GOALS.
THEY ARE NOW SECOND TO COMMANDOS IN
THE LEAGUE TABLE WITH SOUTH CHINA
NEXT.

In an exciting game 44 R.M.
Commandos, the League leaders,
were held to a one-all draw by
South China at Causeway Bay
before a fairly large crowd in
spite of the drizzling weather.

Commandos should have won.
They had more of the play and in
the first half were all over the
Chinese team. It was only the
good goalkeeping of Tsang that
prevented them from scoring.

Commandos were without a
number of their old regular for-
wards but the newcomers played
well and with more practice and
understanding, promise to develop
into one of the most dangerous
forward lines in the Colony.

The Commando defence rose to
great heights. Wilkes, in goal,
did not have much to do and in
front of him Hendon and Walte
were very safe. Hendon's posi-
tioning was excellent.

Johnson in the pivotal position
had Lee Wai-tong well under con-
trol so that this dangerous player
did not have many scoring oppor-
tunities. The Chinese scored
through him from the only chance
he had during the game.

Jack, at right half, was good as
usual and with Macnamara on the
left kept the forwards well sup-
plied.

JONES DANGEROUS
The forwards gave a very
promising display. Jones saw
more of the ball and was the
source of most danger. Smith,
Earsman and Burgess kept the
opposing halves well occupied, so
much so that the Chinese forwards
had to forage for themselves.

South China played their usual
game. They found the quick
tackling of the Commandos not to
their liking. Lee Wai-tong wor-
ried harder than usual but could do
nothing against Johnson.

Neither Tang Yee-Kit nor Lee
Tak-kee offered any real threat.
The game started with the Com-
mandos attacking, and Tsang in
goal was called upon in quick suc-
cession to deal with shots from
Smith and Burgess. Commandos
kept up the attack, but Tsang
managed to keep them from scor-
ing. Wilkes touched the ball only
once or twice.

In the second half play was
more even. Commandos scored
through Smith and thereafter at-
tacked more strongly.

A breakaway by Lee Tak-kee
enabled Lee Wai-tong to score
with a good drive.

Commandos: Wilkes; Walte
and Hendon; Jack, Johnson and
Macnamara; Jones, Smith, Ears-
man, Burgess and Williams.

South China:—S. Tsang; Tse
Kun-hung and Yuen Shih; Kwong
Ying-lee, Leung Wing-chui and
Tam Kar-chuen; Lee Tak-kee,
Chau Man-oh, Lee Wai-tong, Lau
Chung-sang and Tang Yee-Kit.

CIVILIANS SWAMPED
In a one-sided encounter at
Sookunpoo Royal Navy "B" over-
whelmed Civilian "B" by six
clear goals after leading by
three goals at the interval.

Play throughout was confined
entirely to the Civilian half of
the field and the Navy never saw
the ball at all. Civilian broke
through twice only but on both
occasions J. Castilho failed to
score. But for a greasy ball and
a wet surface Navy would prob-
ably have scored more often.
Dutton, in goal, also put in some
fine efforts.

Feenan opened the scoring for
the Navy and before the interval
of half time Crawford and Pon-
teous netted to give Navy a good
start. After the resumption Navy
were all over the losers and goals
came off the boots of Feenan (2)
and Griffith.

The teams were:
Navy "B": Bax; Stanners,
Hony, Wilks, Bennett, Hammond,
Porteous, Crawford, Morgan, Fee-
gan and Griffith.

Civilian "B": K. Catton; S.
Bux, J. McGinnies; F. Soares, A.
Leonard, W. Warren; A. Cave,
W. Flaherty, J. Castilho, G.
Marshall and H. Mathias.

R.A.F. boat Royal Engineers
by four goals to nil at Chatham
Road after leading one-nil at half-
time.

The Sappers played a keen
game but were no match for the
Airmen's more energetic attack
and good team-work. Though
playing three reserves, R.A.F.
were much the stronger side and
kept raising the Sappers' goal.

Steady work by Brazier and
Wicks, the latter of whom was
badly hurt in the right ankle half
way through the second half and
had to be carried off the field,
kept the R.A.F. forwards from
amassing a higher score.

Smith, the Sappers' captain,
had a tough job on his hands but
secured himself a place in the
league table.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

44 R.M. Cdo. 1 South China 1
Smith. Lee Wai-tong.
Civilian "B" 0 R. Navy "B" 6
Feenan 3.
Crawford,
Porteous,
Griffith.
R.A.F. 4 R. Engineers 0
Stokes 3.
Brooks.

first goal came half way through
the first half, Stokes netting.

Within a few minutes of the
second half, Stokes scored again
from a pass from Brooks. The
latter netted the third goal within
a minute and the fourth came
from Stokes half way to the final
whistle.

The teams were:—
R.A.F.:—Procter; Lennox, Mc-
Chrystal; Dawn, Smith, Cowen;
Pitt, Boyd, Stokes, McGowan and
Brooks.

R.E.:—Smith; Tierney, Hill;
Townsend, Brazier, Wise; Moran,
Humphreys, Ross, Lamb and
Campbell.

Holiday Soccer

The following Exhibition Foot-
ball matches will be played dur-
ing the Chinese New Year holi-
days on the Navy ground, Cause-
way Bay, commencing each day
at 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2
Combined Chinese vs. Rest of
Colony.

Referee:—Mr. R. M. Omar.
Linesmen:—Mr. L. G. Young
and Sgt. L. Pollitt.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3
Island vs. Mainland.
Referee:—C.P.O. J. Rogers.
Linesmen:—Sgt. G. Thorne and
Mr. F. A. Barretto.

MONDAY, FEB. 4
United Services vs. Rest of
Colony.

Referee:—Mr. K. K. Ip.
Linesmen:—C.P.O. Bartlett and
Lsg. J. Anderson.

Flying
Racehorses

New York, Jan. 26.
Julius Reeder, the New Orleans
racing secretary, believes that
racehorses will fly there this win-
ter and expects horses to come
from Florida and California to
compete at the winter meetings.

For this reason Reeder has
arranged his programme accord-
ingly so as not to clash with other
big races in Florida and Califor-
nia.

Reeder said: "The tremendous
advance made in air transport
during the war will solve most
of the horseman's shipping prob-
lems, especially so far as major
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not be surprised to see most of
the best thoroughbreds shipped in
this manner."

With air-conditioned and heated
cabins, explained Reeder, horses
could travel in more comfort than
by other means.

Horses in the U.S. have already
travelled by air.

Two thoroughbreds, El Lobo
and Fatherhood, were flown from
Los Angeles to the Bay Meadows
track near San Francisco. The
880 air mile journey took just
under three hours.

At no time were the horses
alarmed and 16 minutes after the
take off El Lobo had its feed of
hay.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN PROTEST

Tientsin, Jan. 26.
Two thousand Chinese students
held a mass meeting here yester-
day to protest the shooting of
students in a disorder at Kun-
ming several weeks ago and to
demand reductions in tuition fees.
—Associated Press.

POLICE SEARCHES
IN BUSES

Three well-dressed Chinese were
detained by the Police early yester-
day morning when two revol-
vers were found in their posses-
sion during a routine search in
Morrison Hill Road by Chinese
detectives and a Royal Marine
patrol.

Searches on trams and buses
during the past hours, and late in
the evening have resulted in many
arrests of suspicious characters
during the last few days.

New Year's
Softball

(By "ONLOOKER")

A double header Exhibition
Game has been fixed for Chinese
New Year's Day, Feb. 2, at a
meeting of the Management Com-
mittee of the Hong Kong Softball
Association.

Dr. F. J. Molten was in the
chair, and present were:—Mr.
Dick Chung (Acting Hon. Sec.),
H. Moosdeen (Organiser), Tony
Ribeiro and others.

Among the men, a team repre-
senting Colony All Stars and
another a team from the U.S.S.
Los Angeles will fight it out. Big
Chief Lelia "Nightingale" Xavier's
"Pin-Up Gals" are to meet the
Glamour Gals "the Wildcats" in
the first game of the "holiday"
bill.

The venue for these games
will probably be at Ecorio ground,
King's Park, at 10 a.m. sharp.
The following have been selected
to take part:—

Colony All Stars:—"Doc" Mol-
then (Manager), Nip Lum or
Capoie Rumjahn (catcher); Jack
Brown or Leo Tavares (pitcher);
Coffee Baker or Stan Leonard (1st
base); Arthur Osorio (2nd base);
Dave Leonard or Benny Omar
(3rd base); Tony Alves or Wally
Ching (short stop); Jerry Gosano
or Ali (left field); M. Xavier or
Johnny Fonseca (centre field);
A. V. Gosano (right field); Bertie
Gosano (short field).

The line-up of the U.S.S. Los
Angeles team is not yet known.

Umpires:—F. A. Ewins (plate);
Binkins (1st and 2nd base) and
Robbins (3rd base).

GIRLS' TEAMS

The following are the girls'
teams:—

Pin-Up Gals:—Lelia "Night-
ingale" Xavier (Capt.), Celeste
Marques, Maggie Xavier, Ida Cas-
tro, Hilda Soares, Therese Bap-
tista, Inez Soares, Betty Baptista
and A. Mendonca.

Wild Cats:—Doris Mar Lum
(Capt.), Thelma Collico, Ella
Chin, Dolly Brown, Gloria Mar,
Lily Mar, Babida, Irene Castilho
and Irene Castro.

Umpires:—Ewins (plate), Bin-
kins (1st and 2nd base) and
"Lefty" Moosdeen (3rd base).

There will be a collection during
the games, the money to assist the
Association's equipment-purchas-
ing fund.

HERE AND THERE
There would positively be many
a sign of despair to hear that
colourful Terry Noronha is to
give the local diamond the cold
shoulder. She has to say good-
bye to the game owing to a leg
injury during a ball game, accord-
ing to doctor's orders, and will not
be seen again in action this sea-
son.

Terry, though very young,
is one of the "pioneers" of girl
softball. She was the first Cap-
tain of the all-popular green-
shirted "Wahoos" in the pre-war
days and a no mean all-rounder.
She pitches; she excels at the hot
corner; who has dazzled many
in bringing off catches at the out-
field. Her position at the hot
corner at the Chinese New Year's
Day Exhibition will hardly be
challenged by another who would
enchant you with the same dexterity.
Her personality and good play
will be badly missed and no doubt
all will join me in wishing her a
speedy recovery and return to
sparkle our diamond.

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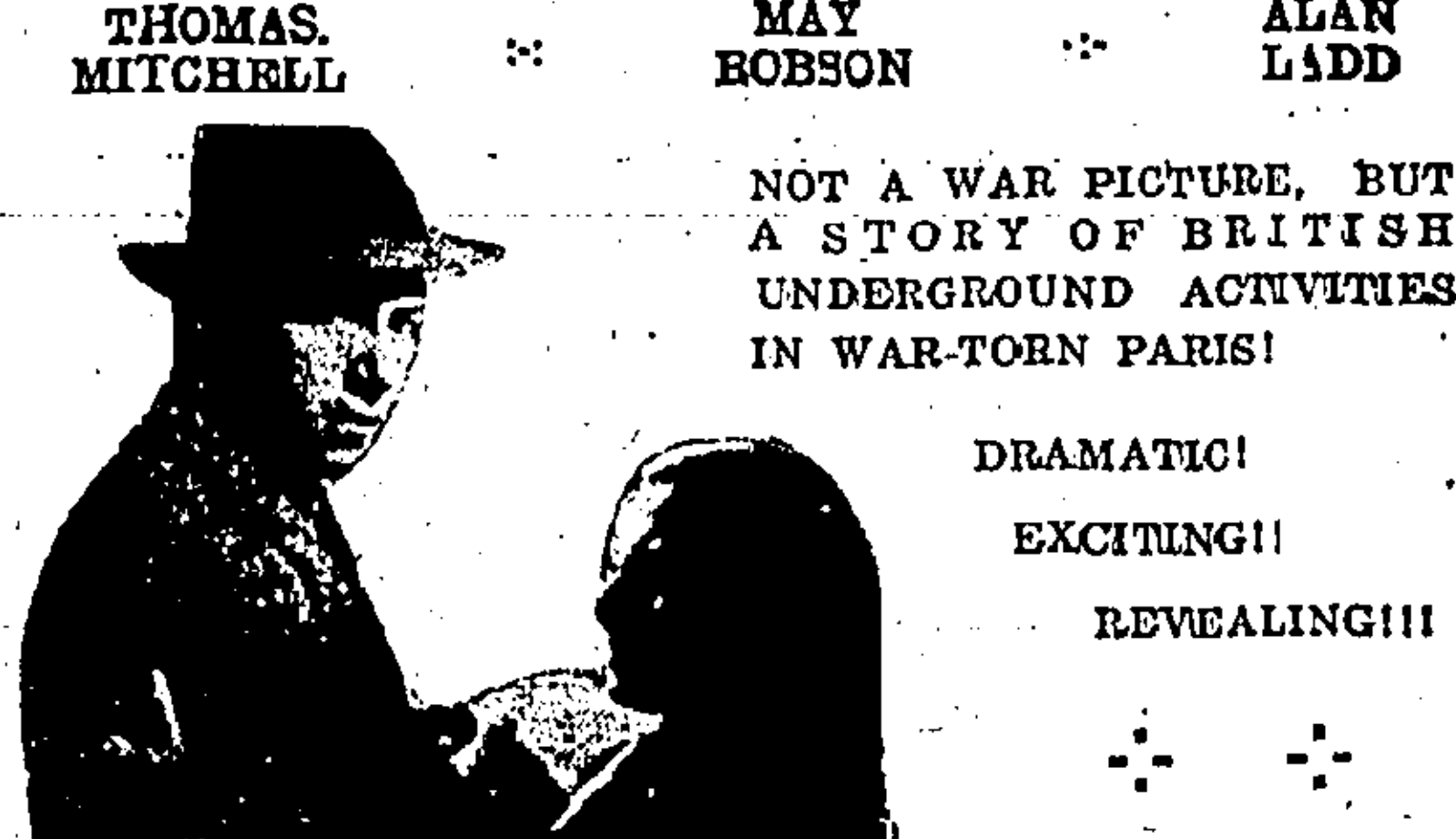
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BEVIN-VISHINSKY TIFF

British Minister On Soviet Charges

Americans Accept The Excuses

West Anin, Jan. 26. American soldiers occupying Germany are remarkably willing not to blame the German people for the war, according to a United States army poll, results of which have been kept an official secret until now.

The poll, which was conducted last Autumn among 1,700 troops in Germany, showed that 51 per cent. believed Hitler did a lot of good before 1938.

A large percentage of the soldiers questioned were willing to accept German explanations for Nazi aggressions and to absolve the mass of Germans from responsibility for concentration camp atrocities.

The majority cited in favour of the occupation of Germany for about ten years by United Nations troops and considered that the United States military government is not tough enough in its treatment of the Germans.

The influence on American troops of German excuses for the war is sharply reflected by the poll.—Associated Press.

French Parties Achieve A Truce

Paris, Jan. 26. France's three major parties yesterday formally announced a political truce for the duration of their participation in the new interim government to be headed by President Felix Gouin.

The Communists, Socialists and Popular Republicans reported that they had agreed on the composition and part of the programme of the new government with the post of Foreign Affairs going to the Popular Republicans, Economic Ministry to the Socialists and Army and Social Welfare Ministries to the Communists.

Georges Bidault, the present Foreign Minister, is a Popular Republican.—Associated Press.

DEATH SENTENCE ON JAPANESE

Yokohama, Jan. 26. Katsunori Tamura, 18, was sentenced to hang and his two companions sentenced to 30 years imprisonment with hard labour for the murder of an American sentry guarding the government warehouse at Sapporo last month.

Traced by the military police through a handkerchief found at the scene of the murder, Tamura confessed to stabbing Pt. Robert S. Young with an American bayonet when he was discovered looting the warehouse.

Sentenced to imprisonment were Tatsugo Shimizu and Satsugo Saito, both previously inmates with Tamura in a reform school.

Colonel Harry Welsh was president of the commission which deliberated only a few minutes in reaching the verdict.—Associated Press.

PACIFIC DEMOBS

Washington, Jan. 26. An Army staff officer yesterday told the Senate War Investigating Committee that all demobilization schedules for soldiers in the Pacific will be met by the return of some half million men before July 1.

General MacArthur has concurred fully and assured that General Eisenhower's demobilization plan will be carried out, said Colonel Russell Eakers, of the War Department personnel staff.

The Committee is inquiring into the idle shipping in the Pacific.—Associated Press.

BYRNES PLEASED

Washington, Jan. 26. U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes returned from London yesterday and expressed gratification at the progress by the United Nations Organisation in the past fortnight. He said he intended to confer with President Truman as soon as possible.

He added he had been particularly anxious to attend the London meeting because the United States was a principal sponsor of the Atlantic Charter, which was accepted unanimously.—Associated Press.

U.N.O. To Discuss New Jet Fighter

LONDON, JAN. 26. THE WORLD SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION AGREED FORMALLY YESTERDAY TO TAKE UP THE TOUCHY GREEK, IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN POLITICAL PROBLEMS ON MONDAY. THE COUNCIL PUSHED ASIDE A PROTEST BY RUSSIA AGAINST CONSIDERING THE IRANIAN CASE.

THE ACTION CAME ON A MOTION BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATE, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, JR., AFTER BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER ERNEST BEVIN DECLARED: "I AM SO TIRED OF THESE CHARGES BY THE SOVIET UNION IN PRIVATE AGAINST BRITAIN IN THE CASE OF GREECE, THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS FOR A FULL DISCUSSION AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT."

However, the chief Soviet delegate, Vice-Commissioner of Foreign Affairs Andrei Vishinsky, demanded and received assurances that the decision to discuss the Iranian affair would not adversely affect Russia's argument that the situation is an internal one.

Stettinius, in making the motion, declared: "Any country in the United Nations with a complaint has a right to be heard at this table."

Meanwhile, the council took steps to get its military staff committee functioning and set Feb. 1 for the first meeting of military representatives of the principal powers, when work will be started on special agreements by which nations will police land, sea and air forces to enforce the security council's orders when necessary.

"FOG"

Bad weather between Moscow and London might prevent the arrival of Soviet military representatives on schedule.

Bevin interjected: "I hope the Soviet Union will do its best to dispel the fog before Feb. 1."

Vishinsky retorted there was "more fog in London than Moscow."

Vishinsky, in discussing the Iranian case, insisted it was a matter of an internal nature and should be an issue of negotiation only between Moscow and Tehran authorities.

The discussion presumably will be preliminary to a decision by the security council as to whether it should formally investigate the situation in Iran, Greece and Indonesia or whether it should take any other action on them.

Iran was the natural flashpoint to cause a flare-up of international difference which might mar the smooth initiation of the new world order.

It was therefore no surprise that Iran's reference to the Security Council of her difficulties in Azerbaijan was followed by the Soviet's asking the Council to discuss the presence of British troops in Indonesia and Greece, for it is there that the biggest clash of interest between Britain and Russia have been taking place.

BRITISH DISQUELT

The British for weeks have not tried to conceal, officially or in the press, their disquiet at reports of Russian activity in their zone of occupation in Northern Iran.

The Iranian delegation to the United Nations Organisation national assembly have considered the Russian move to get a discussion of the Greece and Indonesian situations as a counterblast to the Iranian complaint.

Iran's delegates claim that Russia broke its peace treaty obligations in interfering in the nation's internal affairs when the Russians prevented Iranian forces from going into Azerbaijan to suppress a "home rule" revolt, which they said resulted in the seizure of Tabriz, the provinces capital and other towns which enabled the factionists to set up an independent government.

The Iranians claim that the uprising would not have succeeded without Russian interference.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-U.S. DEAL

Washington, Jan. 26. British sources said yesterday that Britain was willing to accept a deal to wipe out the multi-million dollar book-keeping charges for ferrying home thousands of United States and British soldiers. Under an arrangement proposed by the United States, the British could wipe out the bill for transporting soldiers from Europe on the "Green Mary" and the United States would cancel charges for the pay of the British soldiers for the time being.—Associated Press.

France Faces Chaos

Paris, Jan. 26. President Felix Gouin is reported to have told his Socialist Party that only a 2-1/2 billion-dollar loan from the United States could save France from chaos. Struggling to get three-party approval of a drastic financial programme before forming a new government, Gouin asked the Socialists to adhere to the plans of the Finance Ministry.

Party members who reported the loan figure said Gouin spoke of the financial and food situation in the most unencouraging terms and declared the three leading parties must accept his programme or he will be forced to resign.

Prospects of the quick formation of a new Cabinet were brightened when all parties announced in general favour of the financial programme.—Associated Press.

Mad Dog Bites GI

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. A soldier bitten by a mad dog in Manila on Dec. 28 has been removed from the hospital ship "Hope" and taken at once to the military hospital for Pasteur treatment.

Navy doctors said that the soldier, Lt. Paul Doring, is in good health and so far has shown no sign of the disease. He was bitten just before boarding the ship. When the vessel was several days at sea, Manila medical authorities radioed that the dog was mad.

Two coast-guard planes tried to reach the ship with serum on Thursday while it was several hundred miles at sea but had to turn back.—Associated Press.

ROLLING STOCK FOR CHINA

Washington, Jan. 26. Eleven Liberty ships are now en route to the Orient with loads of transportation equipment principally cars and locomotives recently acquired in Iran for relief service in China.

The consignment includes 85 rail cars and 20 locomotives and also railway maintenance equipment.

The U.N.R.R.A. said the equipment will be used to restore and maintain China's shattered rail lines in order to move inland U.N.R.R.A. goods which are piling up in China ports.—Associated Press.

HIMMLER'S TREAT

Nuernberg, Jan. 26. Fifty Russian officers and political commissars were executed as a special treat for Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler after his capture in the Soviet zone in May 1945, and 47 American and Dutch fliers were tortured and strangled to death in the same month, a former inmate told the International Military Tribunal here.

The witness, Margarete Lampe, testified as part of the French case against the 22 Nazi leaders now facing war crimes trials here.—Associated Press.

FANTASTIC

London, Jan. 26. Dr. Abdel Hamid Badawi, Pa. Egyptian delegate to the U.N.O., told the Associated Press yesterday: "Press reports that the Egyptian Government is to be before the Security Council to demand the withdrawal of British troops in Egypt are fantastic and untrue."

A small boat was set in an unexplained way on fire at the docks at the Port of Alexandria, the first of a series of such incidents in the city.—Associated Press.

New Jet Fighter

Washington, Jan. 26. The Navy has announced development of its first exclusively jet-powered fighter plane for carrier operation. Its speed exceeds 500 miles an hour.

Designated the FD-1 "Phantom," the plane was designed and built by the McDonnell Aircraft corporation, St. Louis.

Despite its high speed, the "Phantom" has a landing glide comparable to conventional carrier-based fighters, making "wave-offs" feasible.

The plane, already extensively flight-tested, has a service ceiling of "well over seven miles," the Navy said. Primarily designed as an interceptor, it has an extremely high rate of climb and a range of approximately 1,000 miles.

"This plane," the Navy announcement said, "constitutes a significant milestone in the history of naval aviation."

Power is furnished by twin axial-flow turbo-jet engines, built into the wing roots. The engines contain no longer scoops or ducts. For conditions where take-off assistance is needed, either standard carrier catapults or jet-assisted take-off units may be used. The plane is built of light aluminum. It is a single seat, low wing monoplane with a wing span of about 40 feet. The wings fold electrically. Armament consists of standard fighter armament in the nose.—Associated Press.

Britons Honoured

Washington, Jan. 26. The United States Navy announced awards have been conferred upon 14 officers of the British Navy, Army and Air Force in addition to the Distinguished Service Medal awarded to Admiral Lord Fraser, which was announced yesterday.

The awards were for outstanding work during joint operations with United States forces.—Associated Press.

Refuse To Go Back

Washington, Jan. 26. Government efforts to restore normal meat supplies by seizing the strike-bound packing plants to-day hit a snag when representatives of 193,000 C.I.O. Union meat workers announced that their men would not return to work.

Five thousand A.F.L. Meat workers have agreed to return to their jobs.

The C.I.O. decision marks the first time in a major dispute that labour has refused to work for Government in seized plants.

Lewis Clark, President of the C.I.O. packing house workers, called President Truman's seizure order a strike-breaking action.

Meanwhile, the steel industry, General Motors and Electrical Appliance plants continued strike-bound.—Associated Press.

A further 17 members of the Shanghai Police force arrived here yesterday by E.M.S. Airline to join the local force. Four other members are joining the New Department and one the Fire Brigade.

Settlement Reached In Dockyard Dispute

REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG DOCKYARD WORKERS WERE INFORMED BY THE LABOUR OFFICER YESTERDAY THAT THEIR DEMAND FOR A MINIMUM BASIC WAGE OF \$2 A DAY OF EIGHT WORKING HOURS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE EMPLOYERS, THUS BRINGING TO A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT THE TWO-MONTH OLD DISPUTE.

AT THE LAST MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES THE DOCKYARDS OFFERED SKILLED WORKMEN A BASIC HOURLY RATE OF 22 CENTS, WHICH ON A NINE-HOUR DAY EQUALS \$1.98.

Independence To Trans-Jordan

London, Jan. 26. The British Government has announced its intention of giving independence to Trans-Jordan which gives impetus to the Zionist demands that Palestine be made a Jewish State, Moshe Shertok, Jewish Agency political director said on Thursday.

He declared that Transjordan's political separation from Palestine would be a temporary one and added: "Zionists always have believed a political arrangement would be arrived at by making possible joint development schemes for Palestine and Transjordan. These plans the Jews were ready to execute in common with Arabs in the common interests of both people."

REWARD OFFERED

Athens, Jan. 26. The Greek Government has offered a reward of 10,000,000 drachmas (\$2,000) for the apprehension of Evangelos Maniatis, leader of the Kalamata Rightists, who is believed to be hiding in the mountains of the Peloponnese.

Maniatis allegedly led the Monarchist organization which raided Kalamata on Jan. 20, and carried off a number of hostages, six of whom were executed.—Associated Press.

A-BOMB TESTS

Washington, Jan. 26. Vice-Admiral W.P. Blundy said to-day that the bomb to be used on the guinea pig fleet, would be of the "Nesamaki" type which is powered by a jet engine.

Blundy also said he planned to mount tanks and artillery on the decks of some of the target ships so that observations could be made on the results of the bomb on army equipment.—Associated Press.

Colonel, Jan. 26. A report came in today that the British had captured a large number of German soldiers in the East.—Associated Press.

GOUIN MEETING DIFFICULTIES

PARIS, JAN. 26. PRESIDENT FELIX GOUIN DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT HE HOPED TO FORM HIS CABINET TO-DAY, AS FRANCE'S THREE MAJOR PARTIES SOUGHT AN AGREEMENT ON A FINANCIAL PROGRAMME PROPOSED BY THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCE MINISTER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE. FOLLOWING A SOCIALIST PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO THE MENDES-FRANCE PLAN, GOUIN TOLD REPORTERS THAT "DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE ON A CERTAIN NUMBER OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS."

"I think that the ground will be cleared of difficulties during the night and that a definite decision will be made tomorrow."

The Mendes-France plan calls for an immediate forty-billion franc slash in armament expenditures; freezing of government employees' salaries for a year and an end to their recruitment; for an indefinite period; changes in the capital tax structures with some increases; immediate freezing of bank deposits.

Edmond Michelet, Minister of the Army under General de Gaulle, said to-day that further reductions in France's military appropriation would bring the country to the level of either "a Balkan State or a South American Republic."

The reduced appropriation for the French Army, one of the major causes leading to de Gaulle's resignation, was reported to be an almost certain provision of the new financial "programme for deflation" prepared by Pierre Mendes-France, Independent Radical-Socialist who is likely to be named to-day as Finance Minister in the Gouin Government.—Associated Press.

CABINET DELAY

Paris, Jan. 26. Felix Gouin, Socialist head of the new French Government, is not expected to meet the National Constituent Assembly with his new Cabinet before Saturday at the earliest and more probably next week. The names of the new Ministers are not yet known, but it seems fairly certain that Georges Bidault will remain at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

U.N.O. Meet Picketed

London, Jan. 26. Five pickets with signs demanding full freedom for India, stroled back and forth in front of Central Hall, where the United Nations Organisation holds its principle meetings.

The placards said: "U.N.O. means freedom for all. Free India's millions. Withdraw British and Indian troops from India."

The signs also announced a demonstration in London's Trafalgar Square on Sunday.

The pickets said they were from the India League which, a Scotland Yard detective said, was the first which appeared at the U.N.O. Headquarters.—Associated Press.

AND THAT'S THAT

Athens, Jan. 26. In a statement made after the meeting of the Greek Foreign Affairs Commission to-day, Themistocles Sophoulis, Greek Prime Minister, said that the Commission was of the unanimous opinion that "British troops are at present in Greece at the request of the Greek Government and that their presence here does not constitute intervention in Greek internal affairs."—Reuter.

INDIAN CASE

London, Jan. 26. Pulla Seal, secretary of the committee of Indian businessmen, at an independence day dinner in London last night, said: "If the Indian question is not settled by May or June of this year, the Indian case will be on the agenda of the Security Council of the United Nations Organisation."

The dinner was attended by English sympathizers of India, including Socialist Members of Parliament.—Associated Press.

TREAVIV ATTACK

Jerusalem, Jan. 26. More than 25 armed Jews, believed by the police to be members of the "terrorist" organization, attacked a store of arms for industrial supplies belonging to the Jewish Agency yesterday, killing two men and wounding several others.—Associated Press.

MEN TO RUN WORLD'S FINANCE

WASHINGTON, JAN. 26. PRESIDENT TRUMAN YESTERDAY APPOINTED FOUR MEN WHO WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN CARRYING OUT THE UNITED NATIONS MONETARY AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT BRETON WOODS IN JULY 1944.

They are Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, as United States Governor of both the \$8,800,000,000 International Monetary Stabilization Fund and the \$9,100,000,000 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, William Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, as alternate Governor of the Fund and the Bank, Harry D. White, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, as United States Executive Director of the Fund and Emilio G. Collado, finance deputy to Clayton as U.S. Executive Director of the Bank.

The Vinson and Clayton appointments are for five years in addition to their present posts while Collado and White are given two-year terms and it is uncertain whether they will retain their present jobs.

Alternate directors for White and Collado remain still to be selected.—Associated Press.

Ford May Close Down

New York, Jan. 26. America's great steel strike now threatens to close the whole Ford Motorcar works.

Fifteen thousand employees at the Ford Detroit plants will be laid off "due to the steel strike which has curtailed manufacturing operations."

Meanwhile, car building which resumed nearly a fortnight ago at the Detroit factory of the Packard Motorcar Company, was halted to-day due to shortage of parts caused by the suppliers' strike.

The stoppage of production was necessitated by shortages of crankshaft and connecting-rods which are produced by suppliers, now strike-bound, with no other source available.—Reuter.

RADIO

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

1.30 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) & Harold Ramsey (Organ).

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Piano Duets by Forsythe and Young.

1.30 p.m.—New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.50 p.m.—Close Down.

5.30 p.m.—Studio-Church Service by Rev. Campbell Foreman, B.N.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—Souza Marches On.

7.30 p.m.—"Music Time"—EMSA.

8.00 p.m.—Variety Programme.

8.30 p.m.—"Services" Music Hall.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Fantasia—"The British Empire".

9.10 p.m.—Studio—Male Voice Choir of H.M.S. "Manxman".

9.30 p.m.—ZBW "Proms"—No. 8: Bach—Brandenburg Concerto No. 2; Vaughan Williams—Symphony No. 2; Mendelssohn—Symphony in G Minor (K. 540).

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Programme for Monday, Jan. 28th, 1946, will be broadcast by the Department of National Service.

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